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SUBJECT: GOM ESTABLISHES TIES WITH EAST GERMANY

SUMMARY: COMMUNIQUE APRIL 4 ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT
DIPLOMATIC TIES BETWEEN GOM AND GDR. WITH EXCEPTION
ALBANIA, GOM NOW HAS RELATIONS WITH ALL EASTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES. ASIDE FROM FURTHER POLISHING GOM NON- ALIGNED
IMAGE, WE SEE LITTLE POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE
TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED APR 4 ANNOUNCED ESTABLISHMENT
OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN GOM AND EAST GERMANY.
COMMUNIQUE INDICATED RELATIONS WOULD BE AT AMBASSADORIAL
LEVEL, BUT THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD ON
ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS.

2. COMMUNIQUE SAID BOTH COUNTRIES WISHED TO DEVELOP RELATIONS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE, MUTUAL RESPECT
FOR SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, EQUALITY AND NON-
INTERFERENCE IN AFFAIRS OF ONE ANOTHER.

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3. ANNOUNCEMENT CULMINATED TWO DAYS OF TALKS BETWEEN GDR THREE- MAN DELEGATION LED BY AMBASSADOR- DESIGNATE TO INDONESIA PETER STOCKMANN AND GOM TEAM HEADED BY MFA SEC GEN ZAITON IBRAHIM.

4. DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY MUSA HITAM APR 3 REVEALED THAT GOM AND GDR HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO EXCHANGE TRADE DELEGATIONS " AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME". HE DESCRIBED THE ECONOMIC TALKS AS OF " GENERAL AND EXPLORATORY NATURE" DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND INCREASES IN TRADE.

5. COMMENT: WITH EXCEPTION ALBANIA, GOM NOW HAS TIES WITH ALL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN CONFORMITY WITH KEY MALAYSIAN FOREIGN POLICY ELEMENT OF NON- ALIGNMENT. MFA SEC GEN ZAITON APR 3 TOLD AMBASSADOR ESTABLISHMENT TIES WITH EAST GERMANY HAD NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AND IT UNLIKELY THAT RESIDENT MISSIONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN RESPECTIVE CAPITALS IN NEAR FUTURE.
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